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PREVIOUSLY IN TORCHWOOD

Gwen Cooper has been pulled away from her domestic bliss by the reappearance of Captain Jack Harkness, and his companions, the crew of the alien tech-filled ship the *Ice Maiden*. No sooner has Gwen rejoined the team, than they had to contend with jetski-riding ninjas, a mystery involving an alien race known as the Navigators, the return of the roguish Captain John Hart, and the revelation that the current Lady of Torchwood House, Karina, is far from what she seems. As we rejoin events in the midst of a stand-off, things are more than a little tense...

CAST OF CHARACTERS

New to this and want to know who's who? Shelley, the Ice Maiden's A.I. fills us in on all we need to know, in her own special way...

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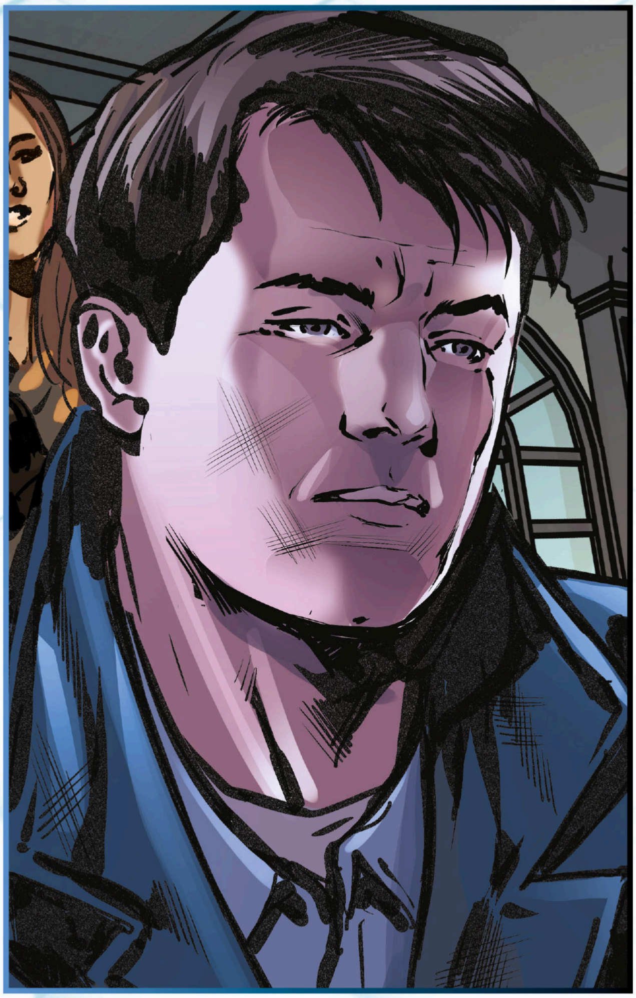
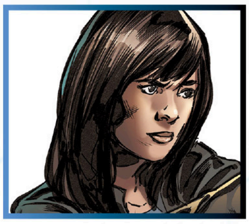


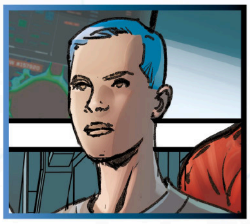
CAPTAIN JACK HARKNESS

Immortal former Time Agent and erstwhile head of Torchwood. Few are immune to his charms, as attested by the large number who have succumbed to them...



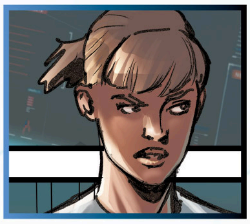
GWEN COOPER

Acting head of Torchwood Cardiff, partly because most of their operatives have now left this mortal coil. Former police officer, who now operates outside the law. Somewhat argumentative, to say the least.



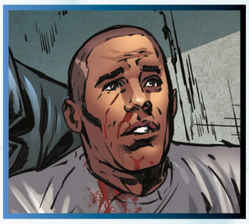
SHELLEY

The ship's A.I avatar, as others would so crudely put it, and in many ways the true captain of the *Ice Maiden*, if I may say so myself. Vastly under-appreciated by those around me.



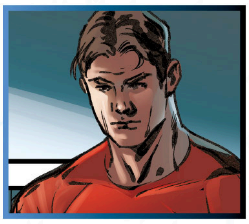
DANA MACLEISH

The *Ice Maiden*'s captain, and something of a mystery woman. Interesting tattoo, not that I've been looking…



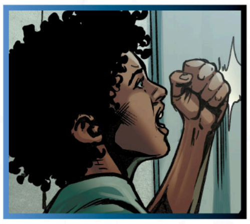
HOLLIS

Expert in how to handle a weapon, as Captain Jack would no doubt attest. Useful in the kitchen too. Joins the very long list of the captain's paramours. Oh to be a member of that illustrious company…



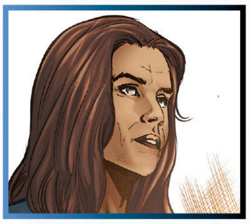
VLAD

A former convict, and former Russian, and now valued member of the *Ice Maiden*'s crew. Burly, and adorned with many tattoos, if you like that kind of thing. I believe I could be persuaded…



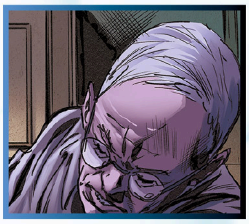
RONA

Mysterious stowaway about whom there seems to be a lot more than meets the eye. Rather economical with the truth, though voluble with it. Currently spending some time in custody.



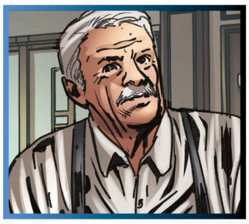
LADY KARINA

Second wife of Sir James Sterling, and far from a lady. The couple have had their differences, not least her playing a part in trying to have him murdered. I believe that would count as 'irreconcilable.' She travels in a 'TARDIS' that is most definitely not bigger on the inside.



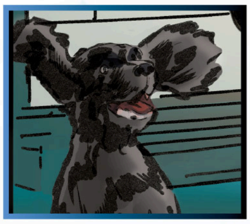
SIR JAMES STERLING III

Lord of Torchwood House, and a poor judge of wives, to judge by Lady Karina. Believed dead, but now proved to be very much alive, unless her ladyship makes another attempt to rid herself of him.



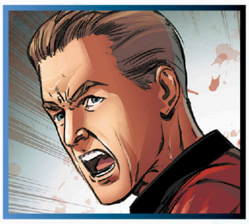
GILLY

Sir James' loyal-to-a-fault butler, and not an admirer of his employer's latest wife, whose plans he has done his best to foil. It would seem he is a better judge of character than his employers.



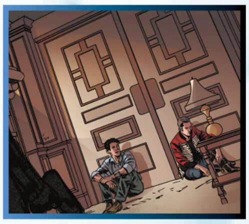
LEWIS

Sir James' pet cocker spaniel. As loyal as Gilly, although he was rather more taken in by Lady Karina.



CAPTAIN JOHN HART

Former Time Agent turned intergalactic rogue, and former lover of Captain Jack Harkness. Often tries to kill his old flame, a decision that is perhaps understandable, depending on who you ask.



TORCHWOOD HOUSE

Stately home that marks the spot where Torchwood was formed – thanks to a visit from Her Majesty Queen Victoria, a werewolf and a certain roving Time Lord. Something very strange indeed is happening in the Observatory…

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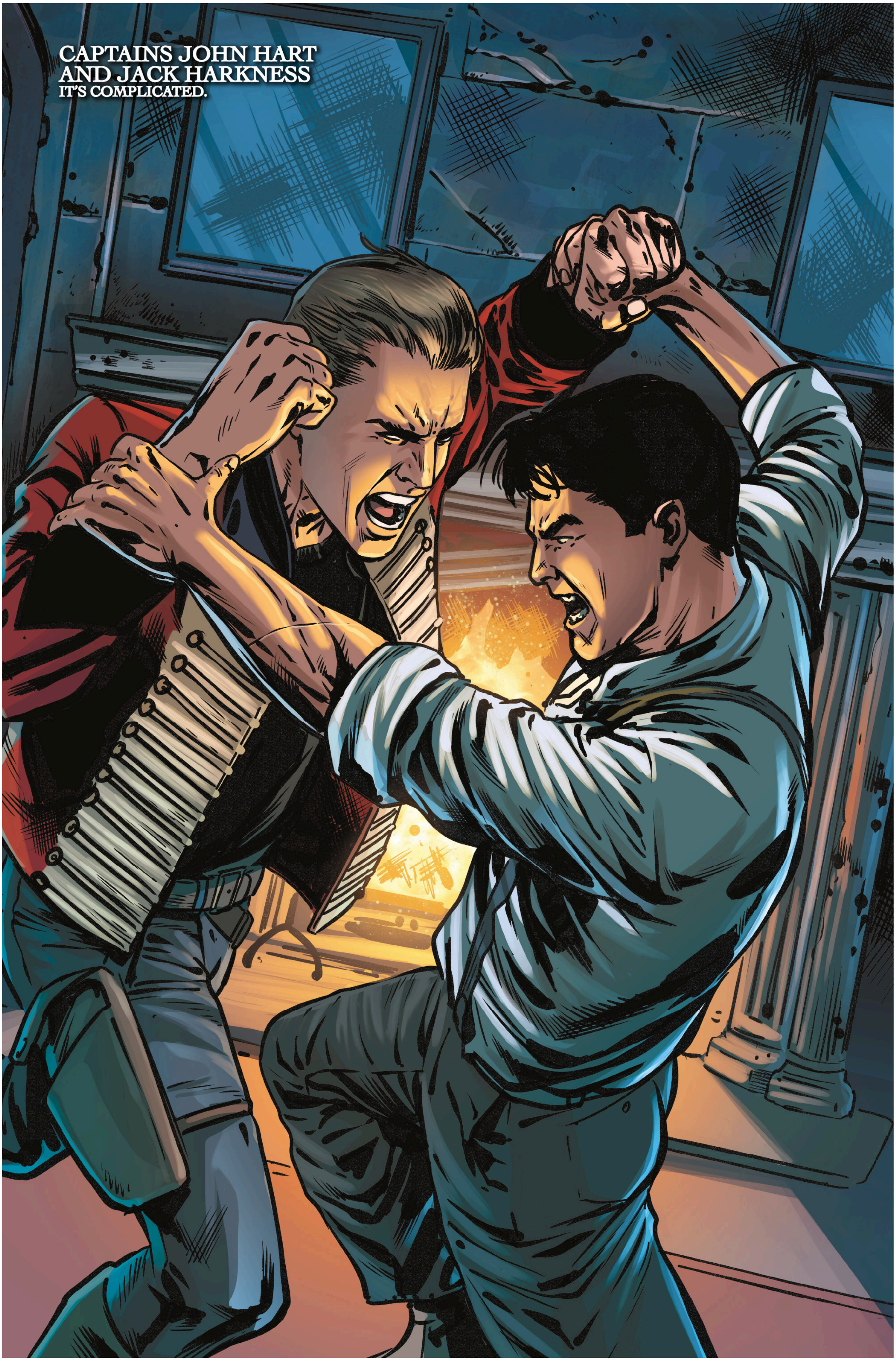
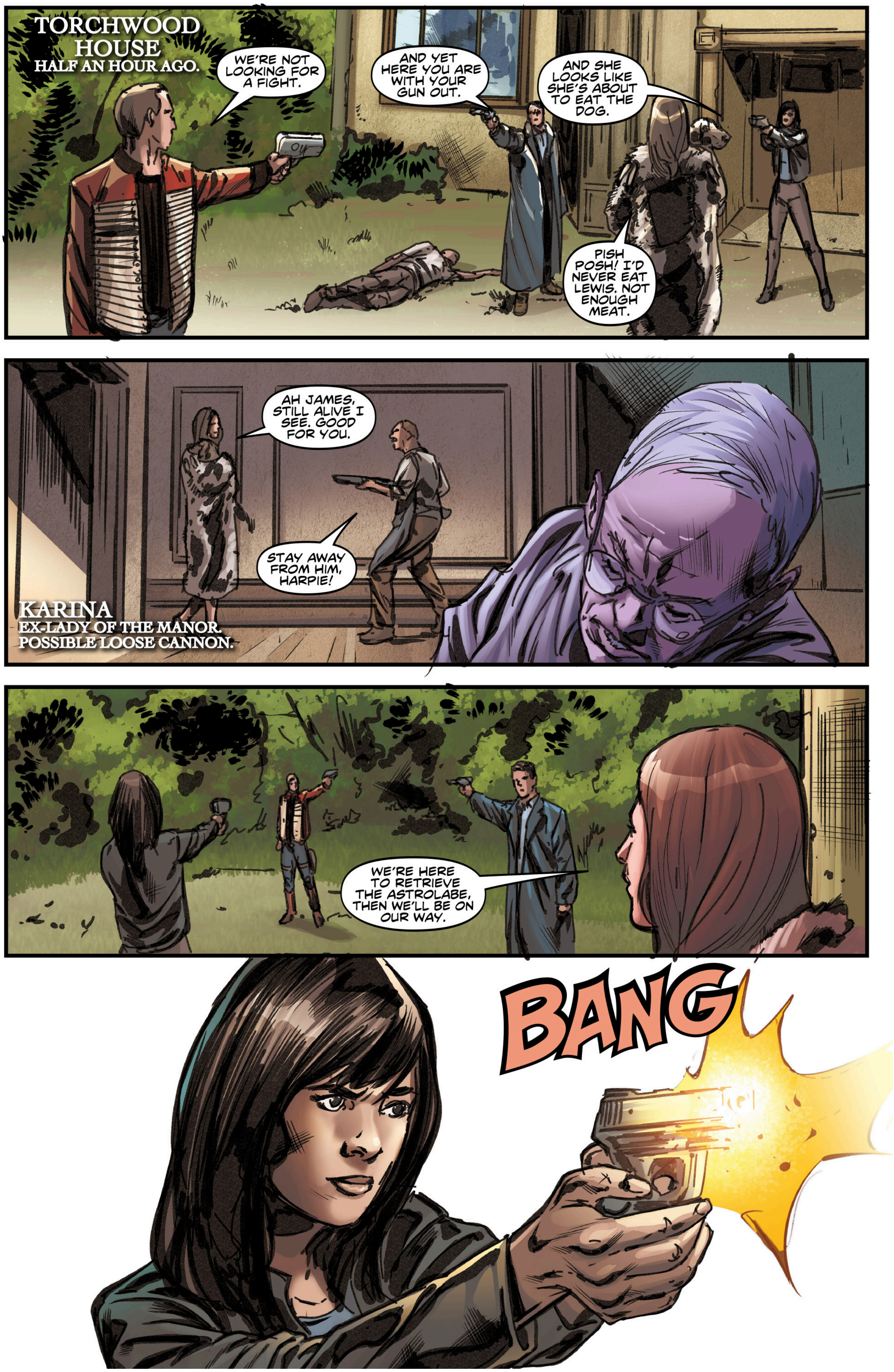
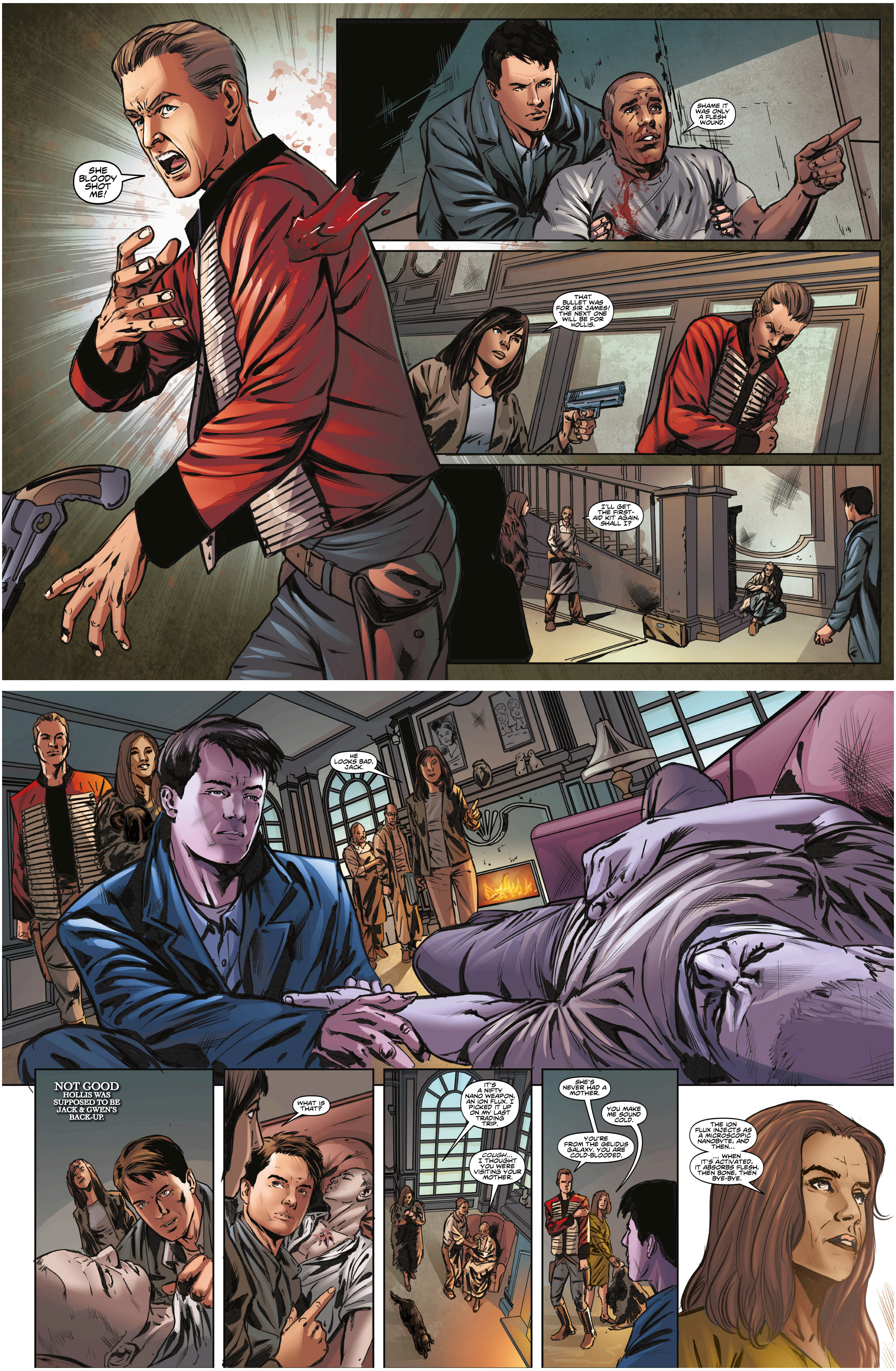

CAPTAINS JOHN HART
AND JACK HARKNESS
IT'S COMPLICATED.


TORCHWOOD HOUSE
HALF AN HOUR AGO.
WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR A FIGHT.
AND YET HERE YOU ARE WITH YOUR GUN OUT.
AND SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ABOUT TO EAT THE DOG.
PISH POSH! I'D NEVER EAT LEWIS. NOT ENOUGH MEAT.
AH JAMES, STILL ALIVE I SEE. GOOD FOR YOU.
STAY AWAY FROM HIM, HARPIE!
KARINA
EX-LADY OF THE MANOR.
POSSIBLE LOOSE CANNON.
WE'RE HERE TO RETRIEVE THE ASTROLABE, THEN WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY.
BANG


SHE BLOODY SHOT ME!
SHAME IT WAS ONLY A FLESH WOUND.
THAT BULLET WAS FOR SIR JAMES! THE NEXT ONE WILL BE FOR HOLLIS.
I'LL GET THE FIRST-AID KIT AGAIN, SHALL I?
HE LOOKS BAD, JACK.
NOT GOOD
HOLLIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE JACK & GWEN'S BACK-UP.
WHAT IS THAT?
IT'S A NIFTY NANO WEAPON, AN ION FLUX. I PICKED IT UP ON MY LAST TRADING TRIP.
COUGH... I THOUGHT YOU WERE VISITING YOUR MOTHER.
SHE'S NEVER HAD A MOTHER.
YOU'RE FROM THE GELIDUS GALAXY. YOU ARE COLD-BLOODED.
YOU MAKE ME SOUND COLD.
THE ION FLUX INJECTS AS A MICROSCOPIC NANOBYTE, AND THEN...
... WHEN IT'S ACTIVATED, IT ABSORBS FLESH, THEN BONE, THEN BYE-BYE.

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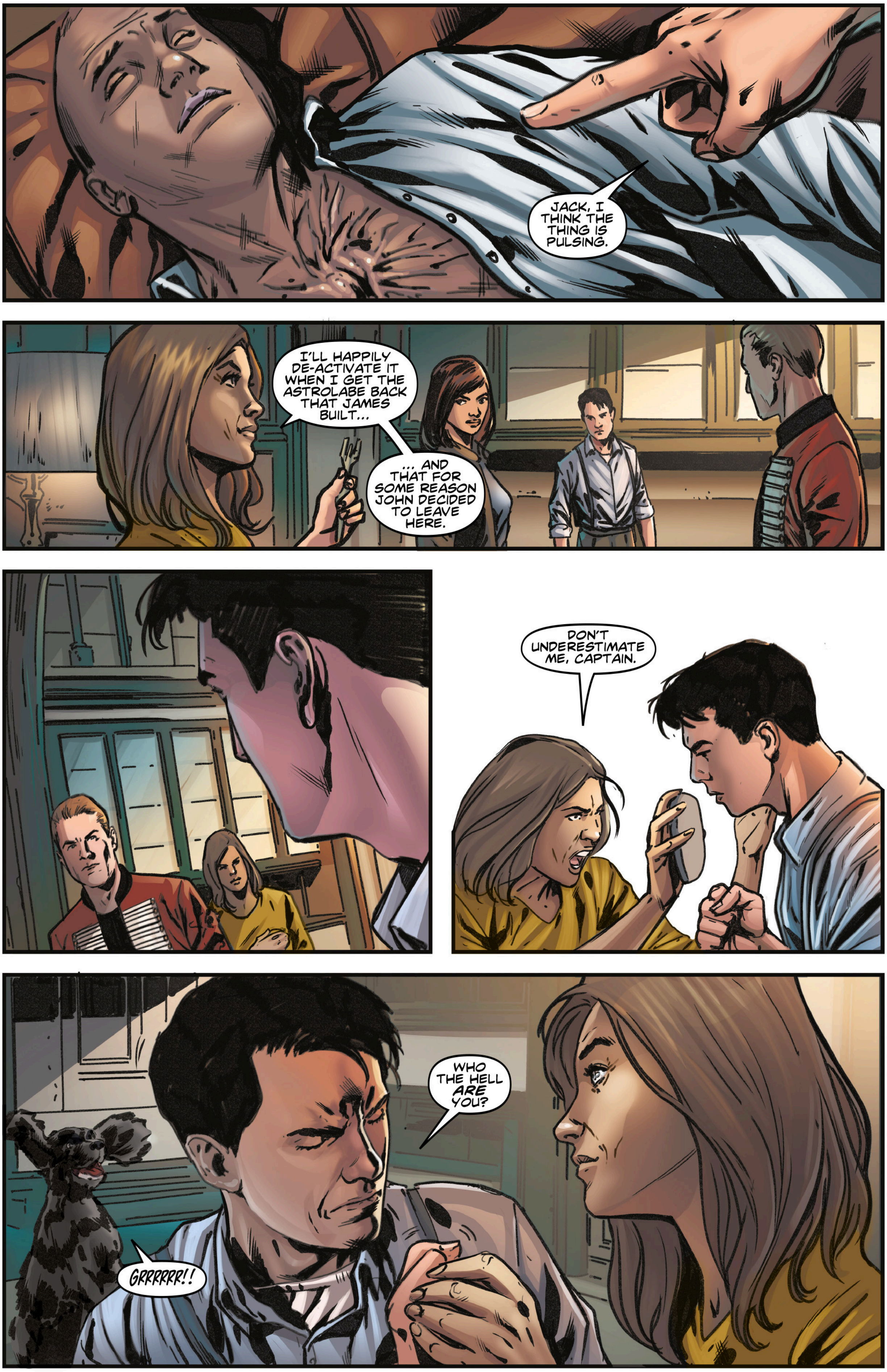
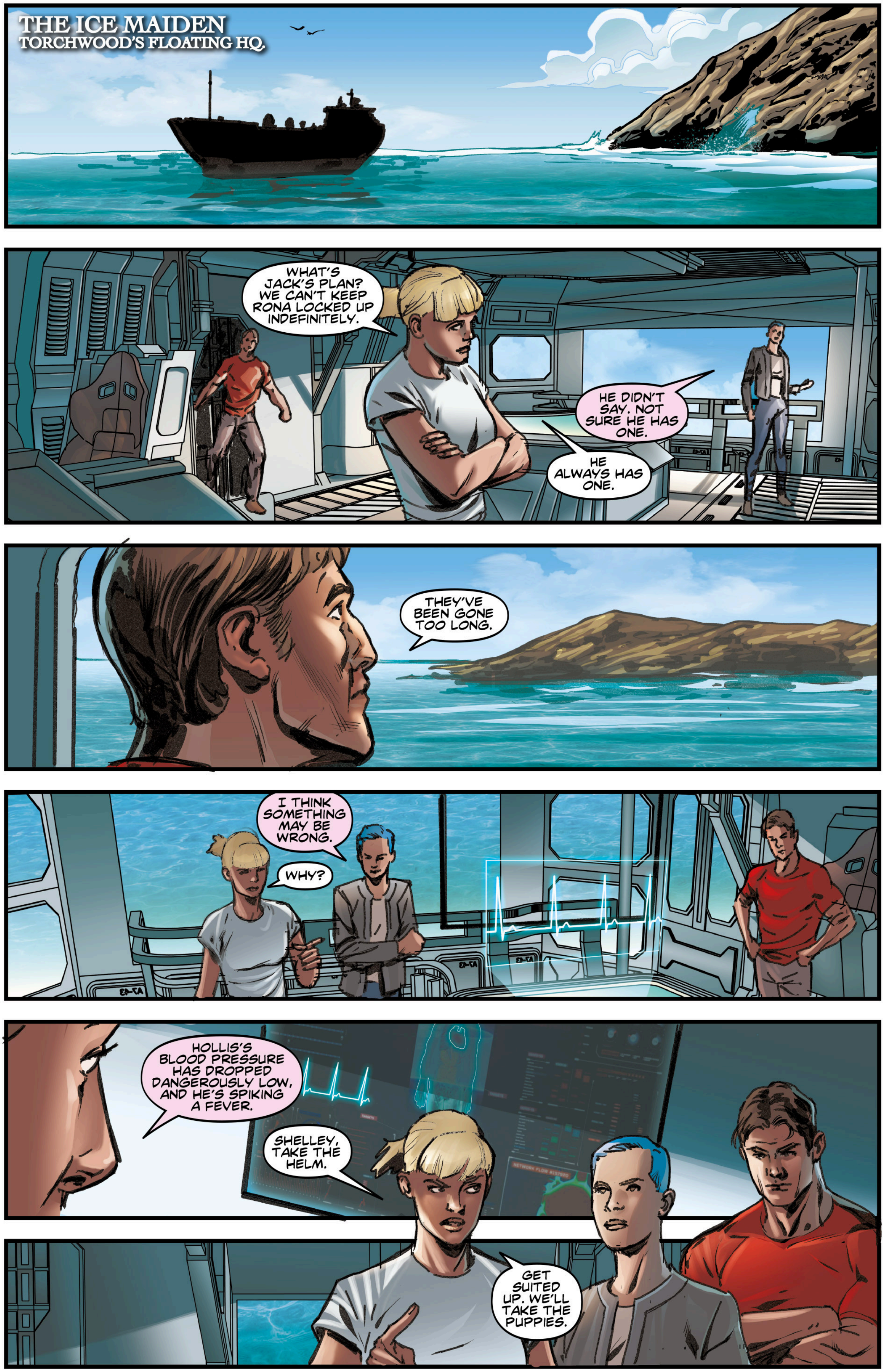
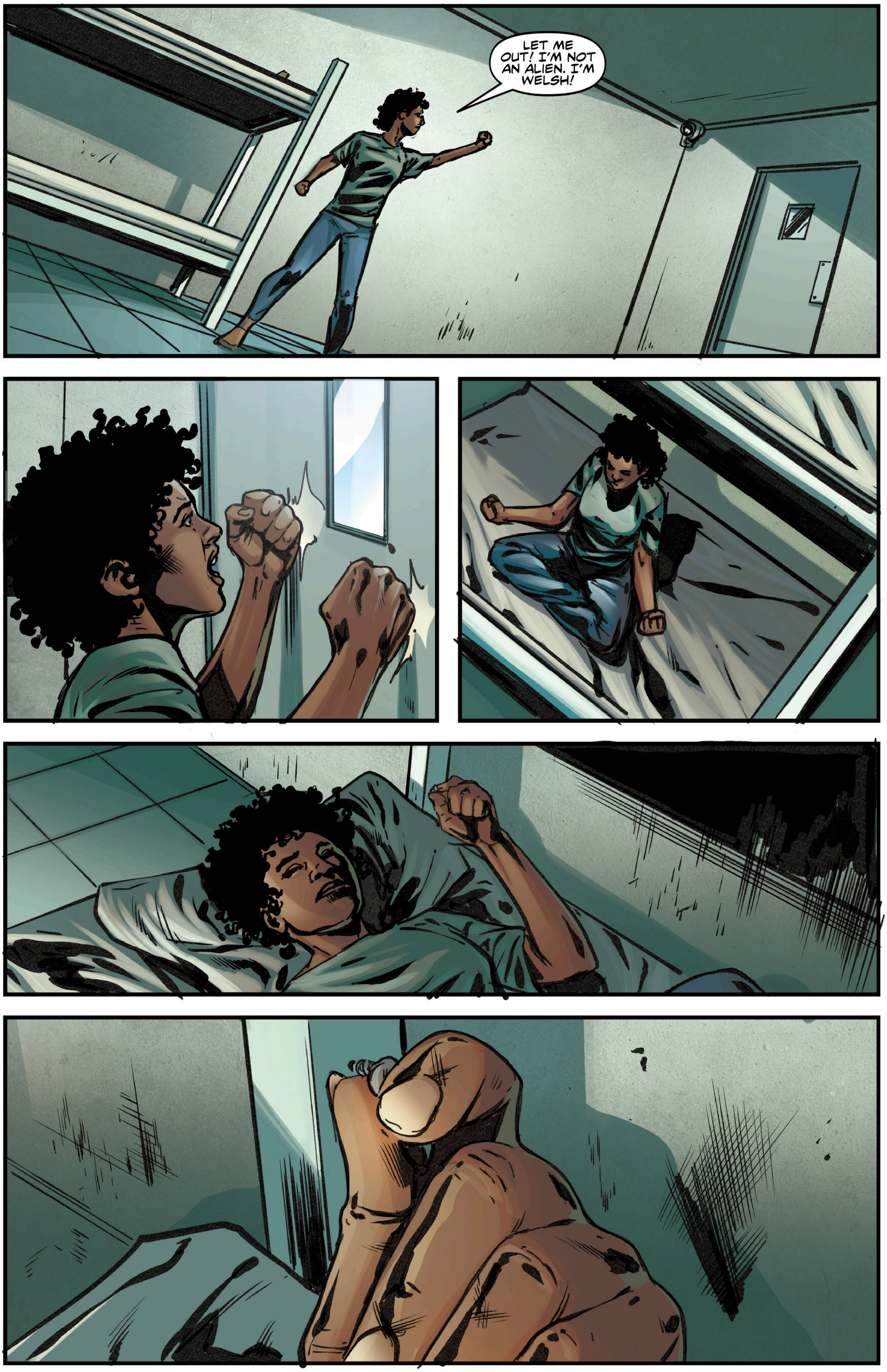
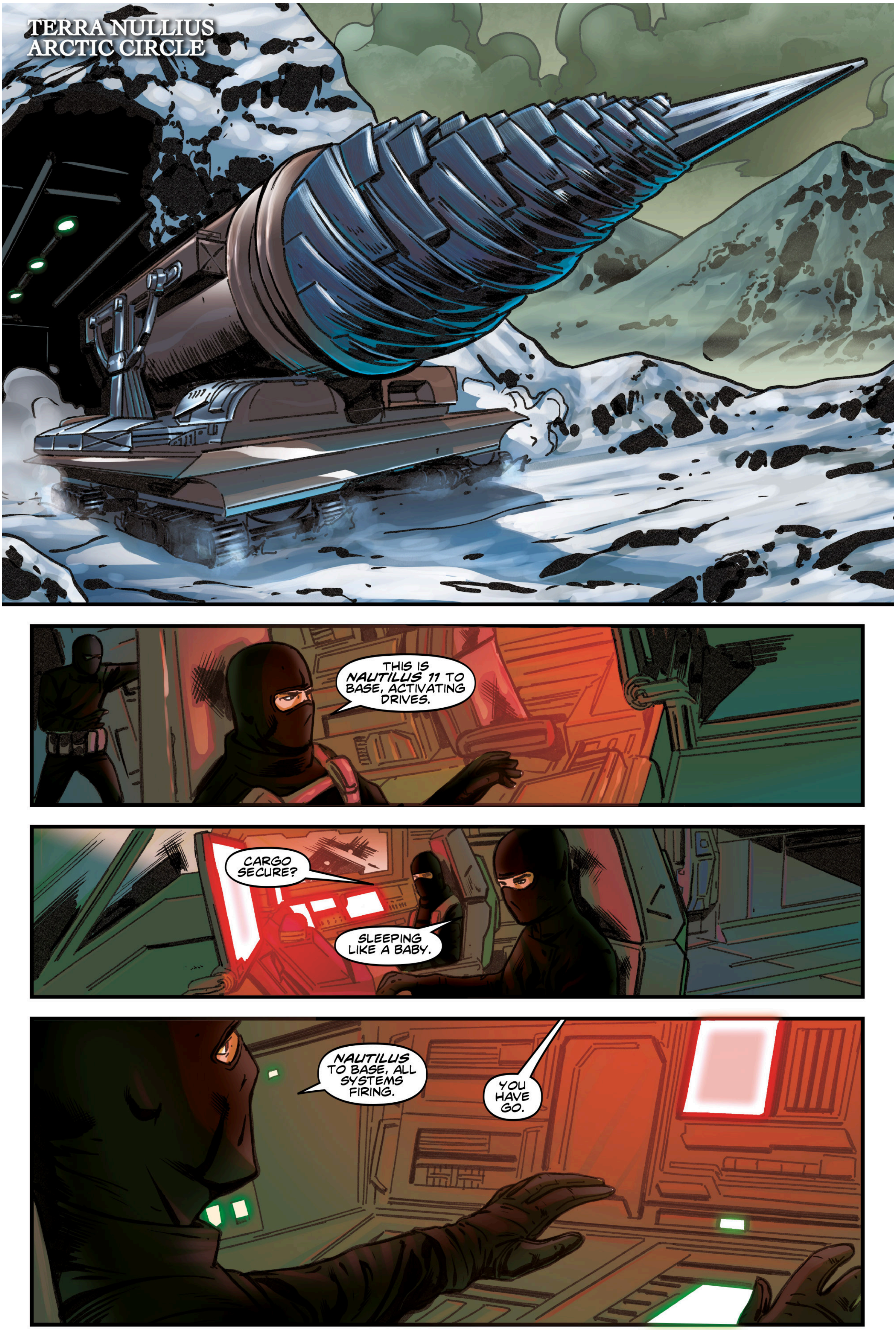
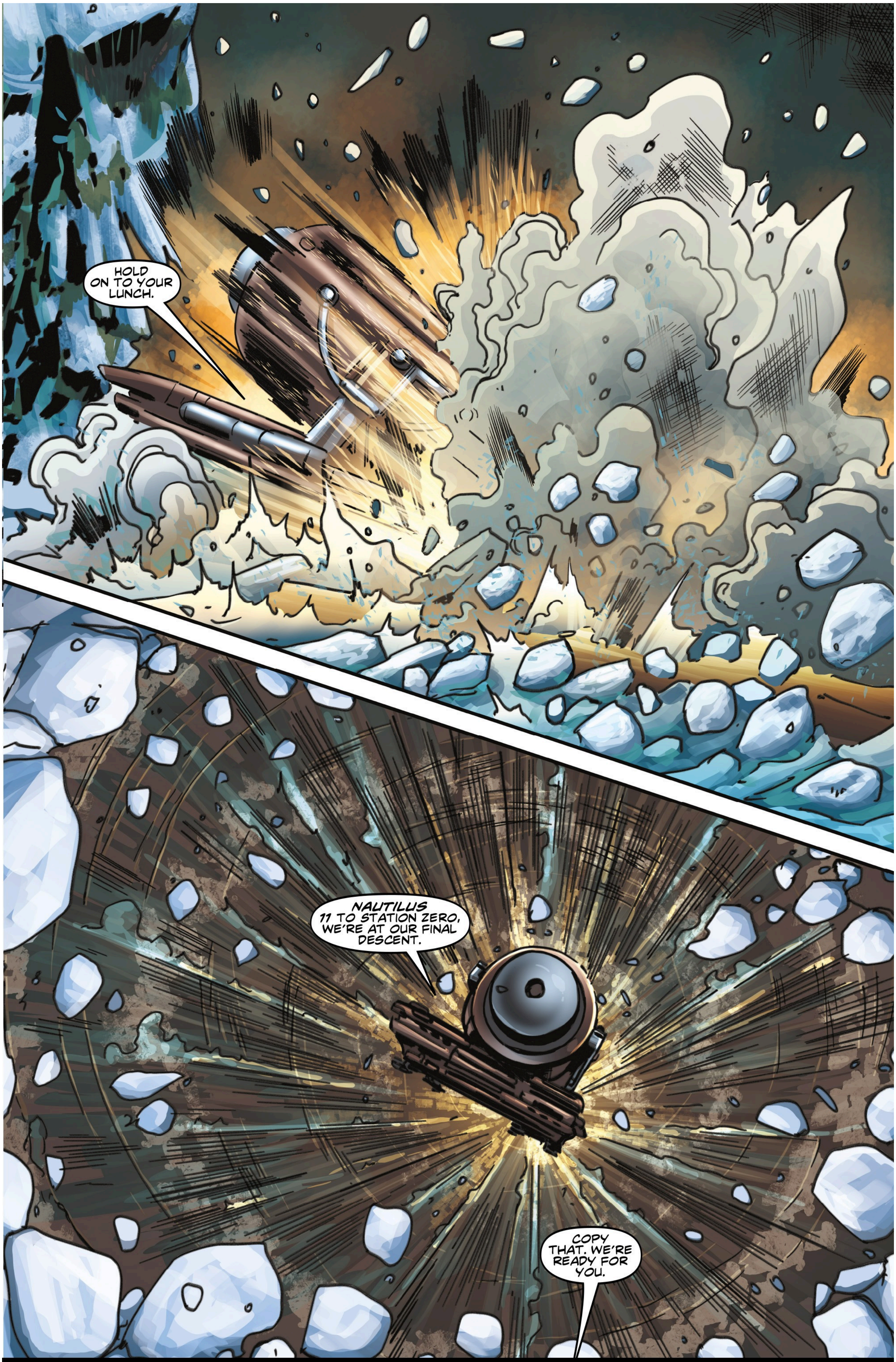

JACK, I THINK THE THING IS PULSING.
I'LL HAPPILY DE-ACTIVATE IT WHEN I GET THE ASTROLABE BACK THAT JAMES BUILT...
... AND THAT FOR SOME REASON JOHN DECIDED TO LEAVE HERE.
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME, CAPTAIN.
WHO THE HELL ***ARE*** YOU?
GRRRRRR!!


THE ICE MAIDEN
TORCHWOOD'S FLOATING HQ.
WHAT'S JACK'S PLAN? WE CAN'T KEEP RONA LOCKED UP INDEFINITELY.
HE DIDN'T SAY. NOT SURE HE HAS ONE.
HE ALWAYS HAS ONE.
THEY'VE BEEN GONE TOO LONG.
I THINK SOMETHING MAY BE WRONG.
WHY?
HOLLIS'S BLOOD PRESSURE HAS DROPPED DANGEROUSLY LOW, AND HE'S SPIKING A FEVER.
SHELLEY, TAKE THE HELM.
GET SUITED UP. WE'LL TAKE THE PUPPIES.


LET ME OUT! I'M NOT AN ALIEN. I'M WELSH!


TERRA NULLIUS
ARCTIC CIRCLE
THIS IS *NAUTILUS 11* TO BASE, ACTIVATING DRIVES.
CARGO SECURE?
SLEEPING LIKE A BABY.
NAUTILUS TO BASE, ALL SYSTEMS FIRING.
YOU HAVE GO.


HOLD ON TO YOUR LUNCH.
NAUTILUS 11 TO STATION ZERO, WE'RE AT OUR FINAL DESCENT.
COPY THAT. WE'RE READY FOR YOU.

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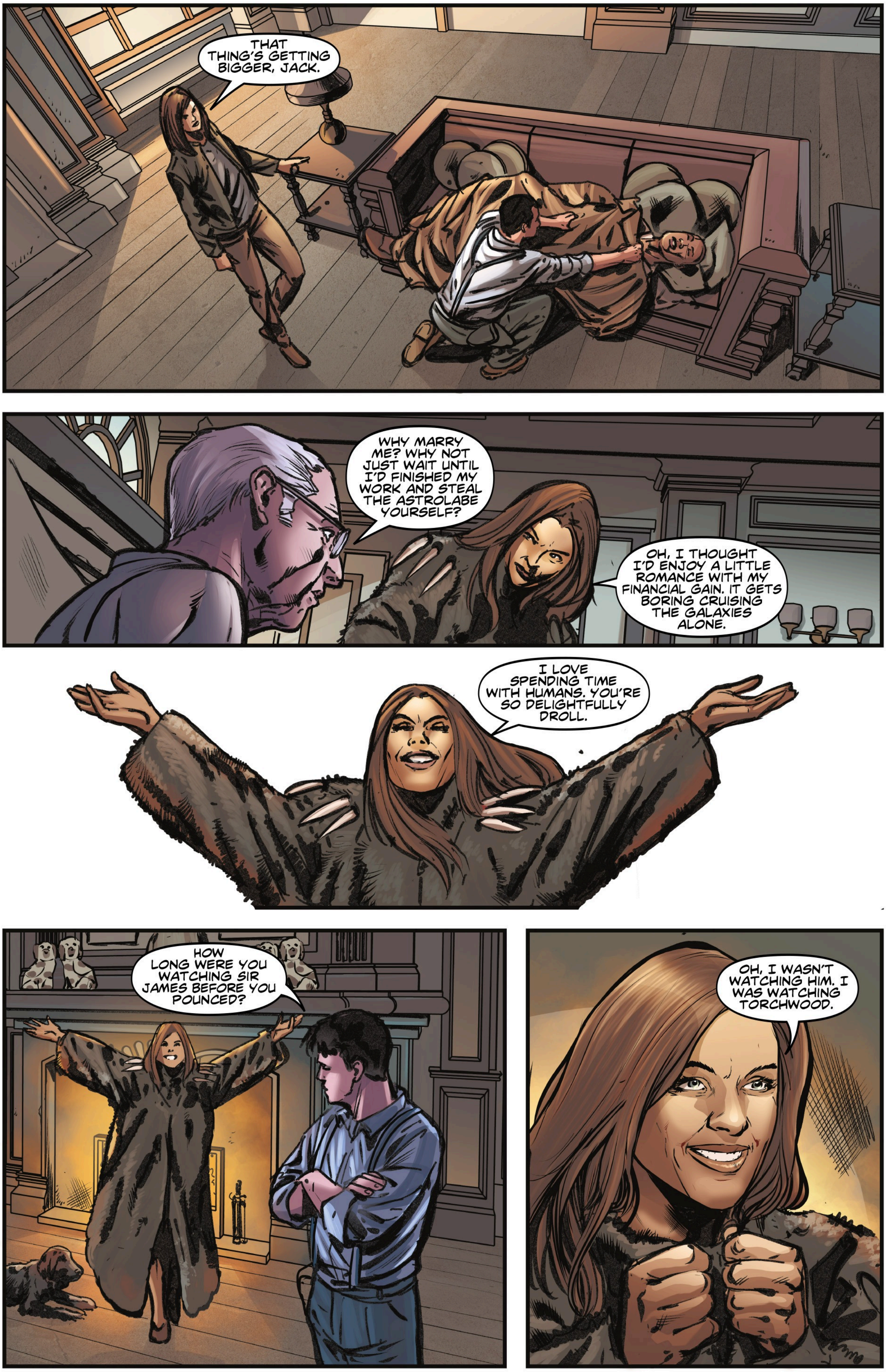
THAT THING'S GETTING BIGGER, JACK.
WHY MARRY ME? WHY NOT JUST WAIT UNTIL I'D FINISHED MY WORK AND STEAL THE ASTROLABE YOURSELF?
OH, I THOUGHT I'D ENJOY A LITTLE ROMANCE WITH MY FINANCIAL GAIN. IT GETS BORING CRUISING THE GALAXIES ALONE.
I LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH HUMANS. YOU'RE SO DELIGHTFULLY DROLL.
HOW LONG WERE YOU WATCHING SIR JAMES BEFORE YOU POUNCED?
OH, I WASN'T WATCHING HIM. I WAS WATCHING TORCHWOOD.

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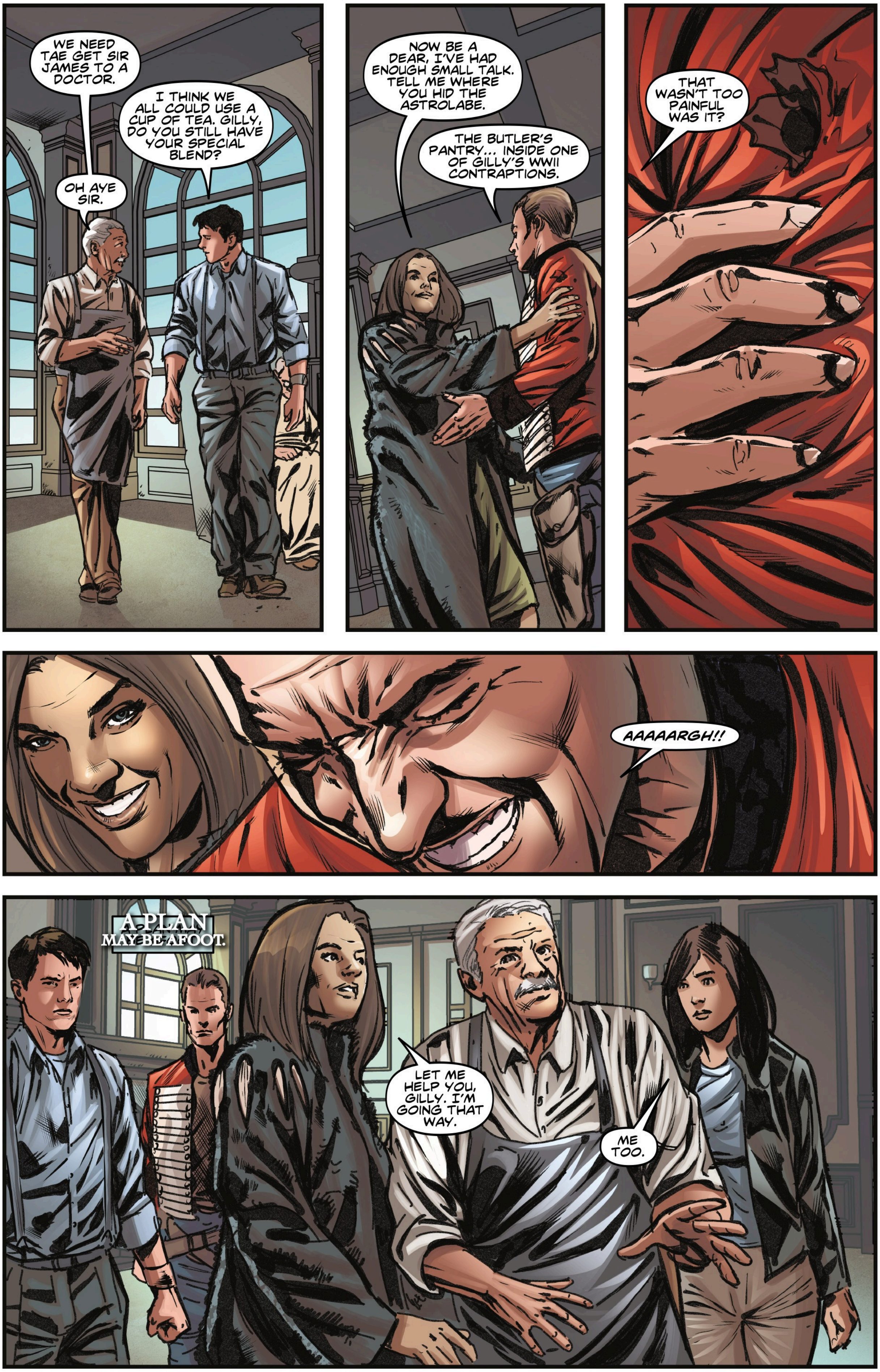
WE NEED TAE GET SIR JAMES TO A DOCTOR.
I THINK WE ALL COULD USE A CUP OF TEA. GILLY, DO YOU STILL HAVE YOUR SPECIAL BLEND?
OH AYE SIR.
NOW BE A DEAR, I'VE HAD ENOUGH SMALL TALK. TELL ME WHERE YOU HID THE ASTROLABE.
THE BUTLER'S PANTRY... INSIDE ONE OF GILLY'S WWII CONTRAPTIONS.
THAT WASN'T TOO PAINFUL WAS IT?
AAAAARGH!!
A PLAN MAY BE AFOOT.
LET ME HELP YOU, GILLY. I'M GOING THAT WAY.
ME TOO.

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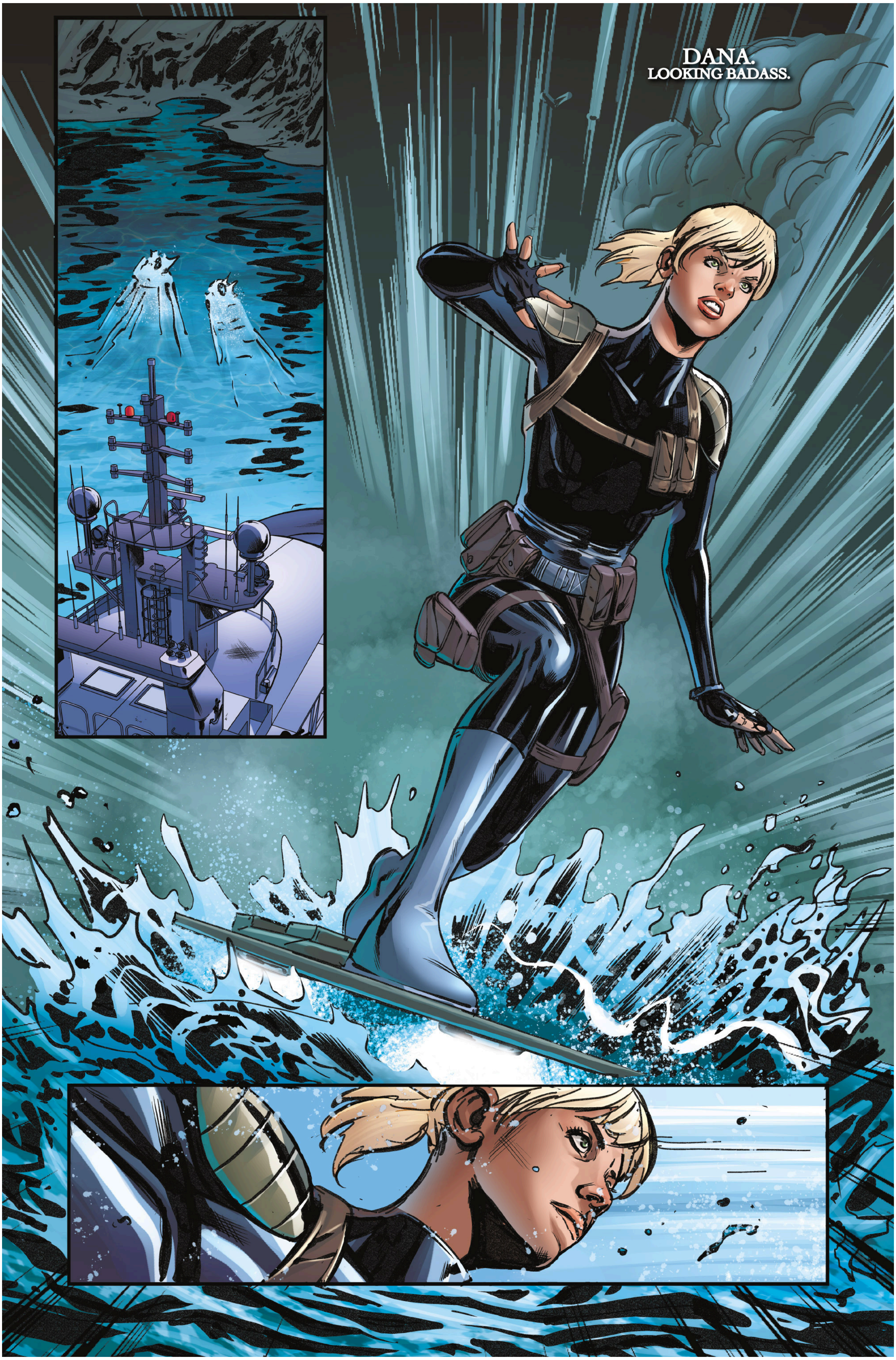
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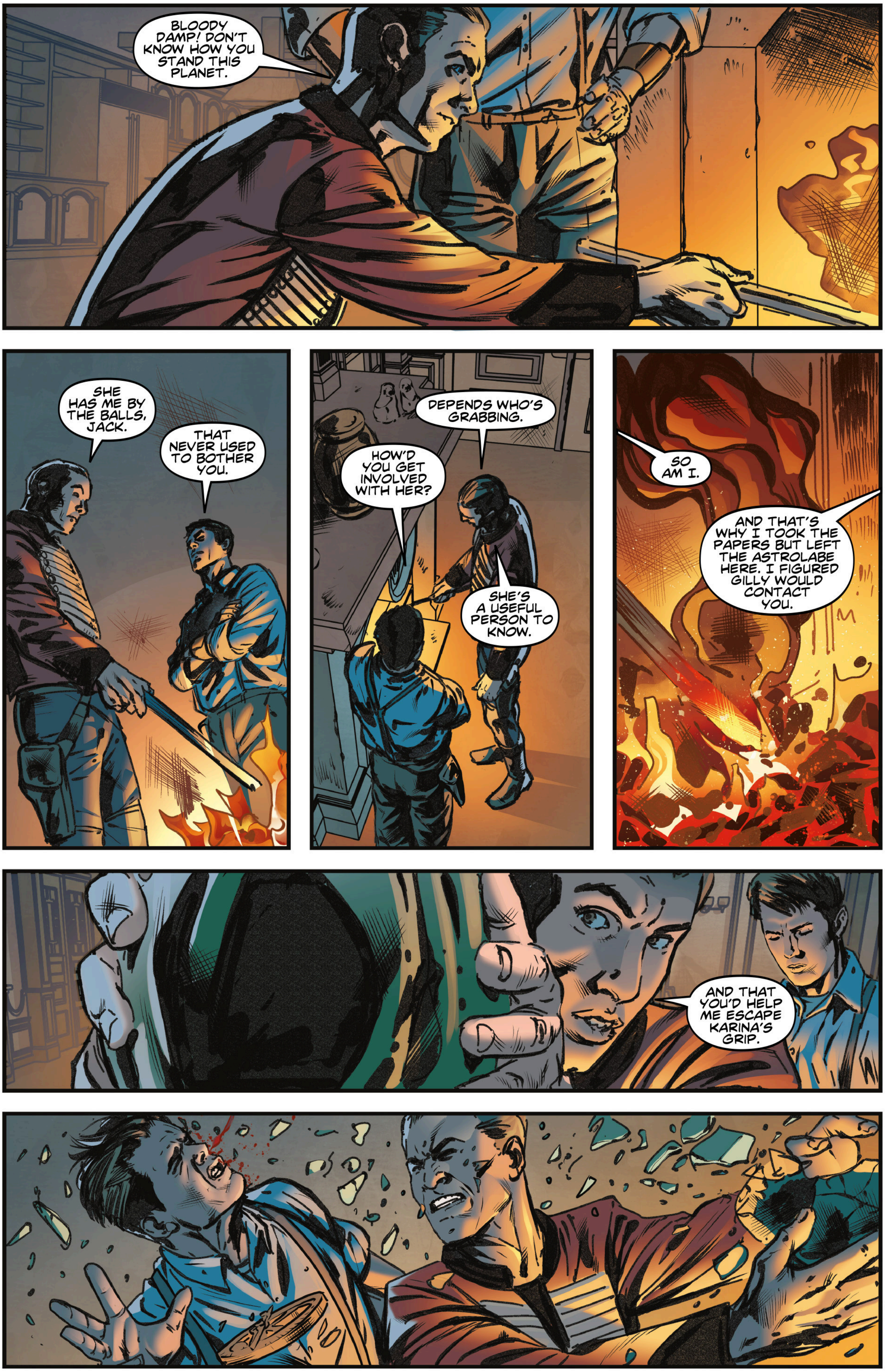
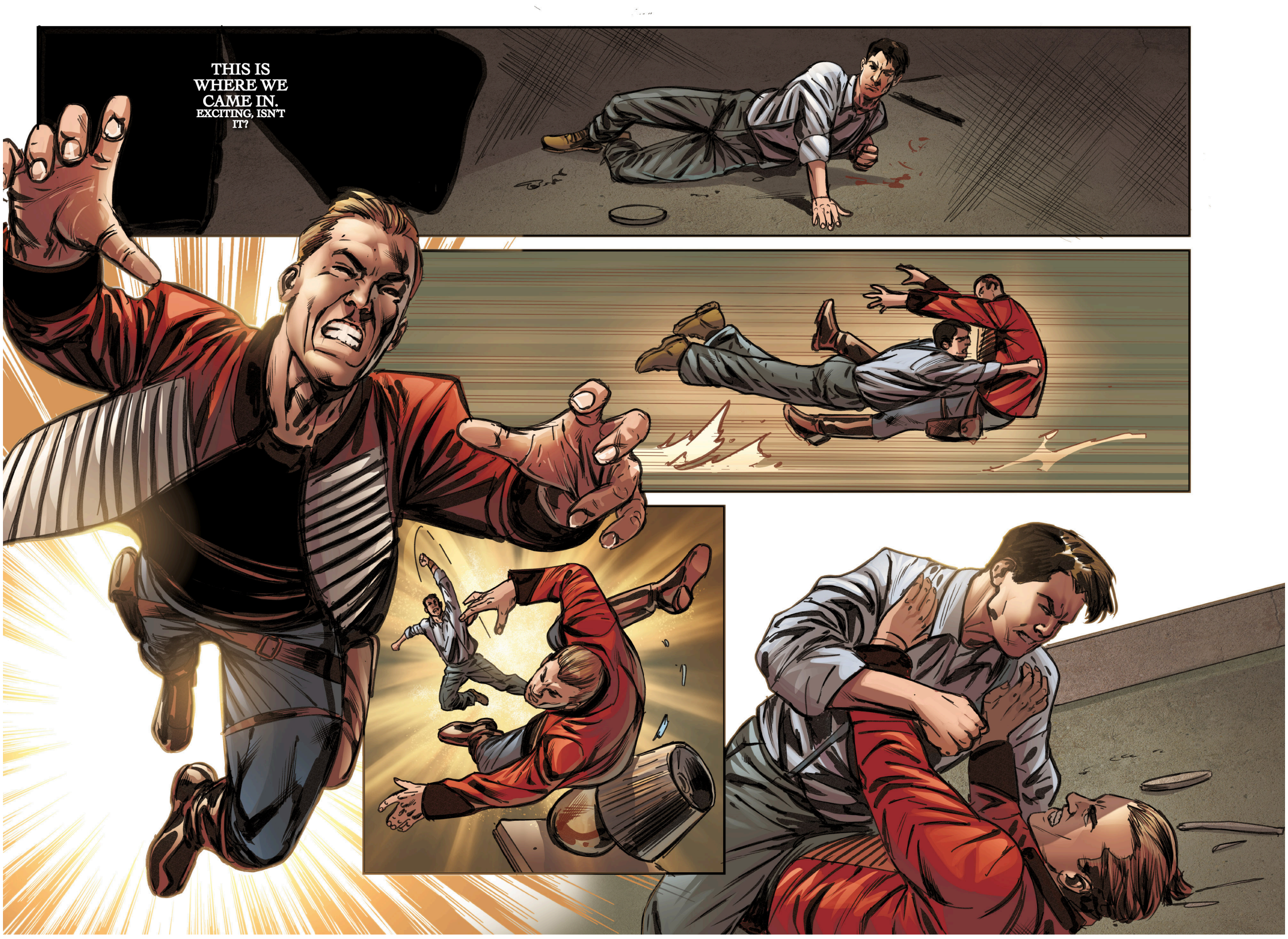
LOOKING BADASS.


BLOODY DAMP! DON'T KNOW HOW YOU STAND THIS PLANET.
SHE HAS ME BY THE BALLS, JACK.
THAT NEVER USED TO BOTHER YOU.
DEPENDS WHO'S GRABBING.
HOW'D YOU GET INVOLVED WITH HER?
SHE'S A USEFUL PERSON TO KNOW.
SO AM I.
AND THAT'S WHY I TOOK THE PAPERS BUT LEFT THE ASTROLABE HERE. I FIGURED GILLY WOULD CONTACT YOU.
AND THAT YOU'D HELP ME ESCAPE KARINA'S GRIP.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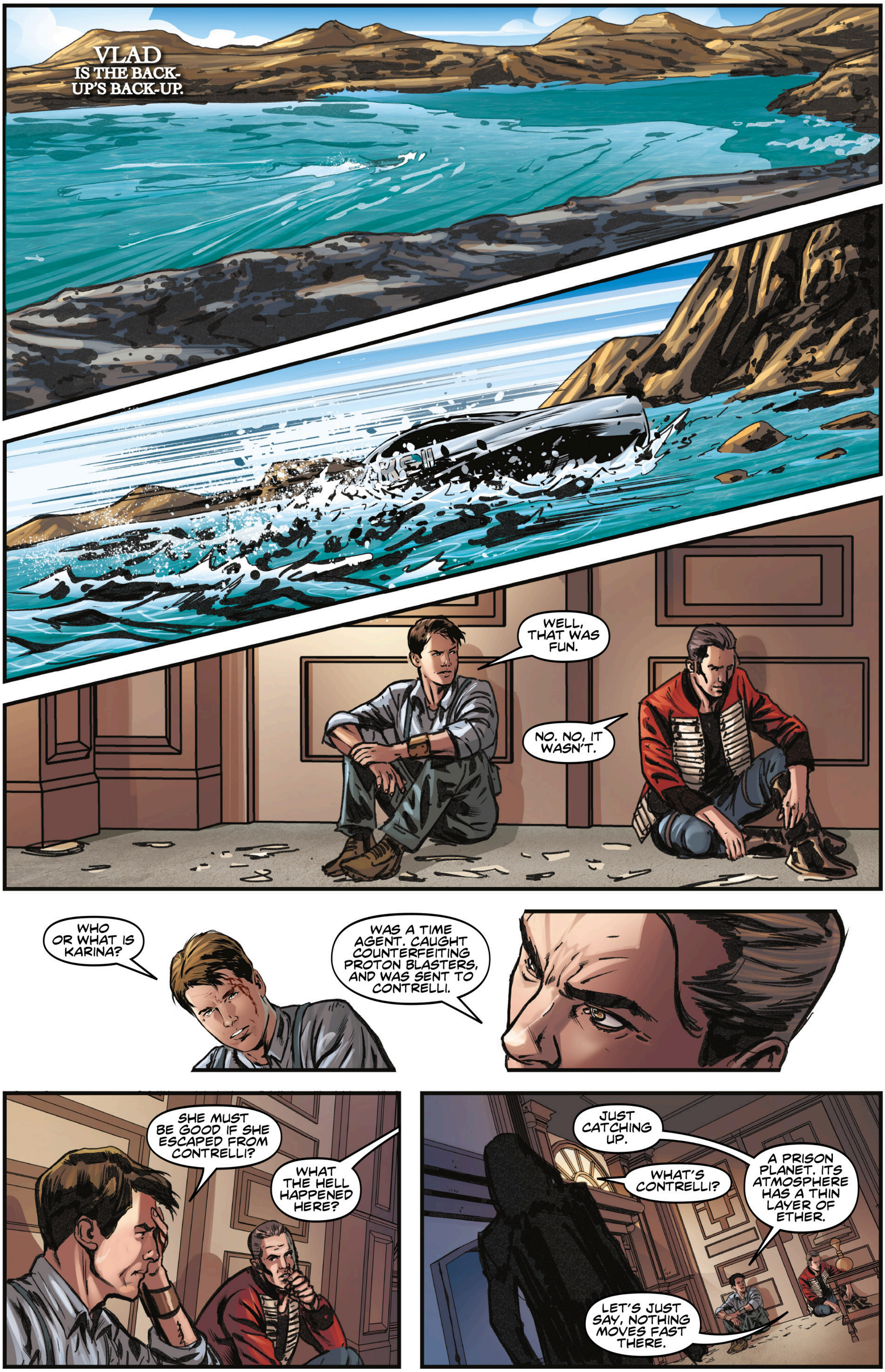
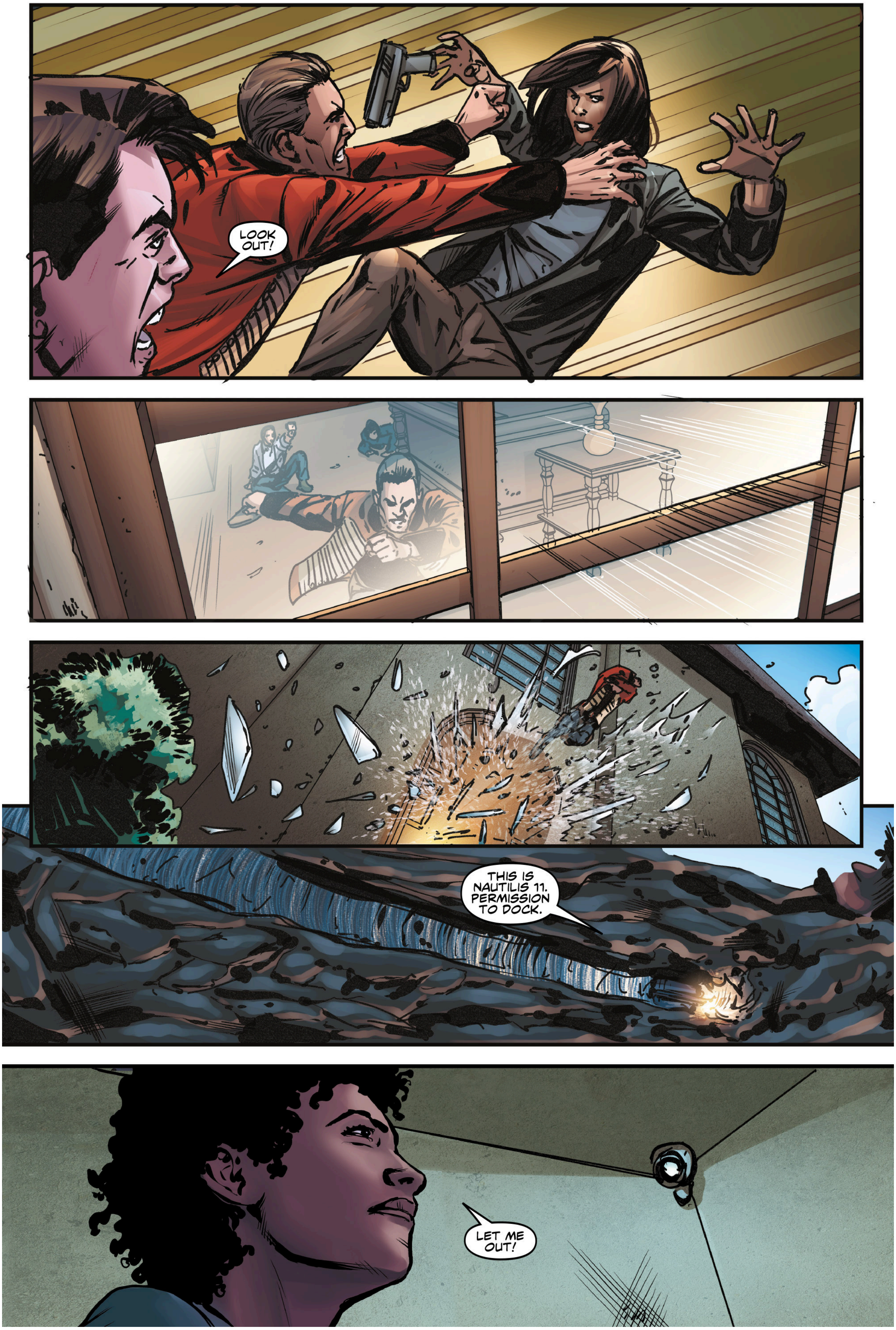

VLAD IS THE BACK-UP'S BACK-UP.
WELL, THAT WAS FUN.
NO. NO, IT WASN'T.
WHO OR WHAT IS KARINA?
WAS A TIME AGENT. CAUGHT COUNTERFEITING PROTON BLASTERS, AND WAS SENT TO CONTRELLI.
SHE MUST BE GOOD IF SHE ESCAPED FROM CONTRELLI?
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED HERE?
JUST CATCHING UP.
WHAT'S CONTRELLI?
A PRISON PLANET. ITS ATMOSPHERE HAS A THIN LAYER OF ETHER.
LET'S JUST SAY, NOTHING MOVES FAST THERE.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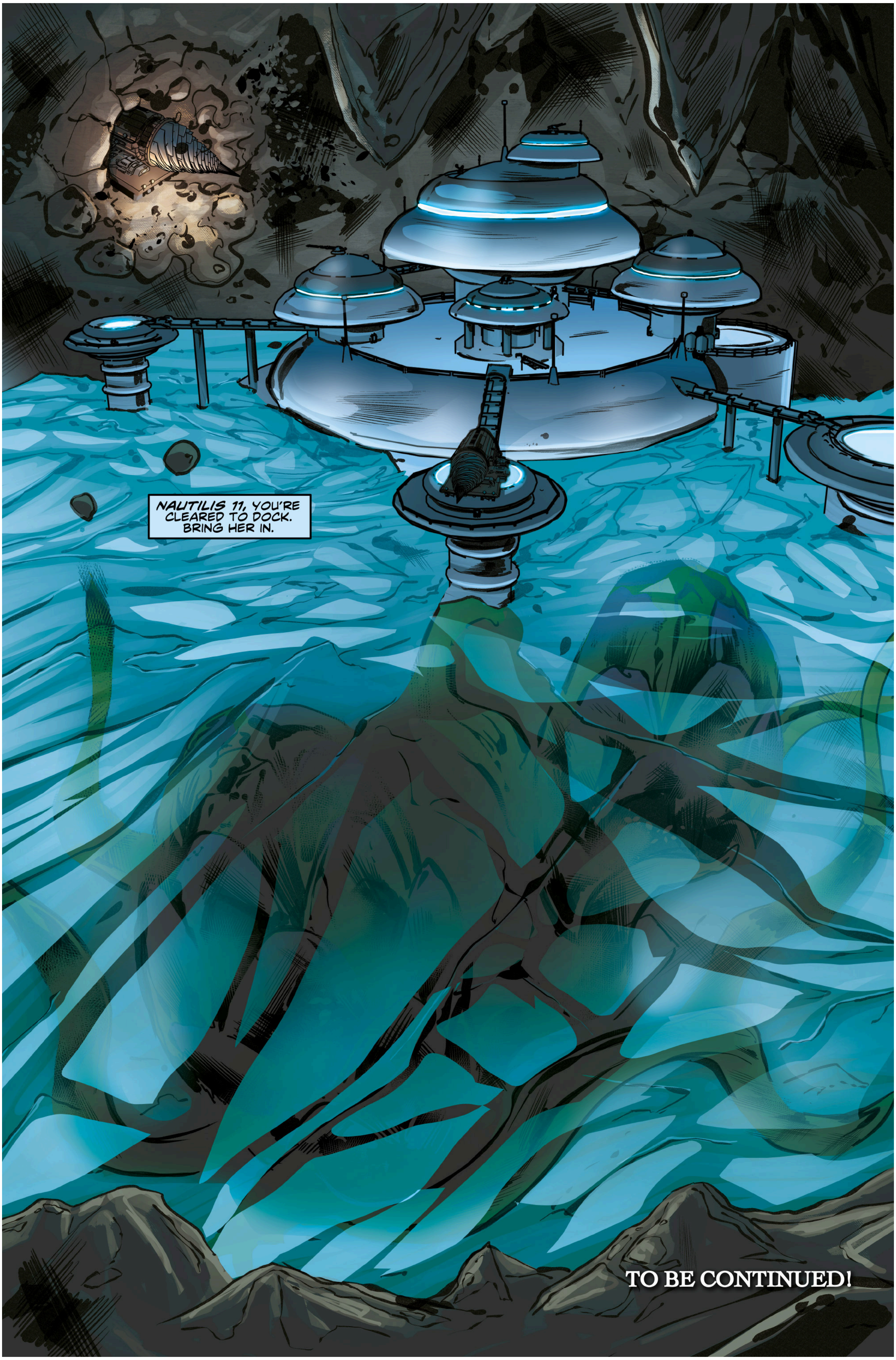
THIS IS NAUTILIS 11. PERMISSION TO DOCK.
LET ME OUT!


NAUTILIS 11, YOU'RE CLEARED TO DOCK. BRING HER IN.
TO BE CONTINUED!

JACK ATTACK!

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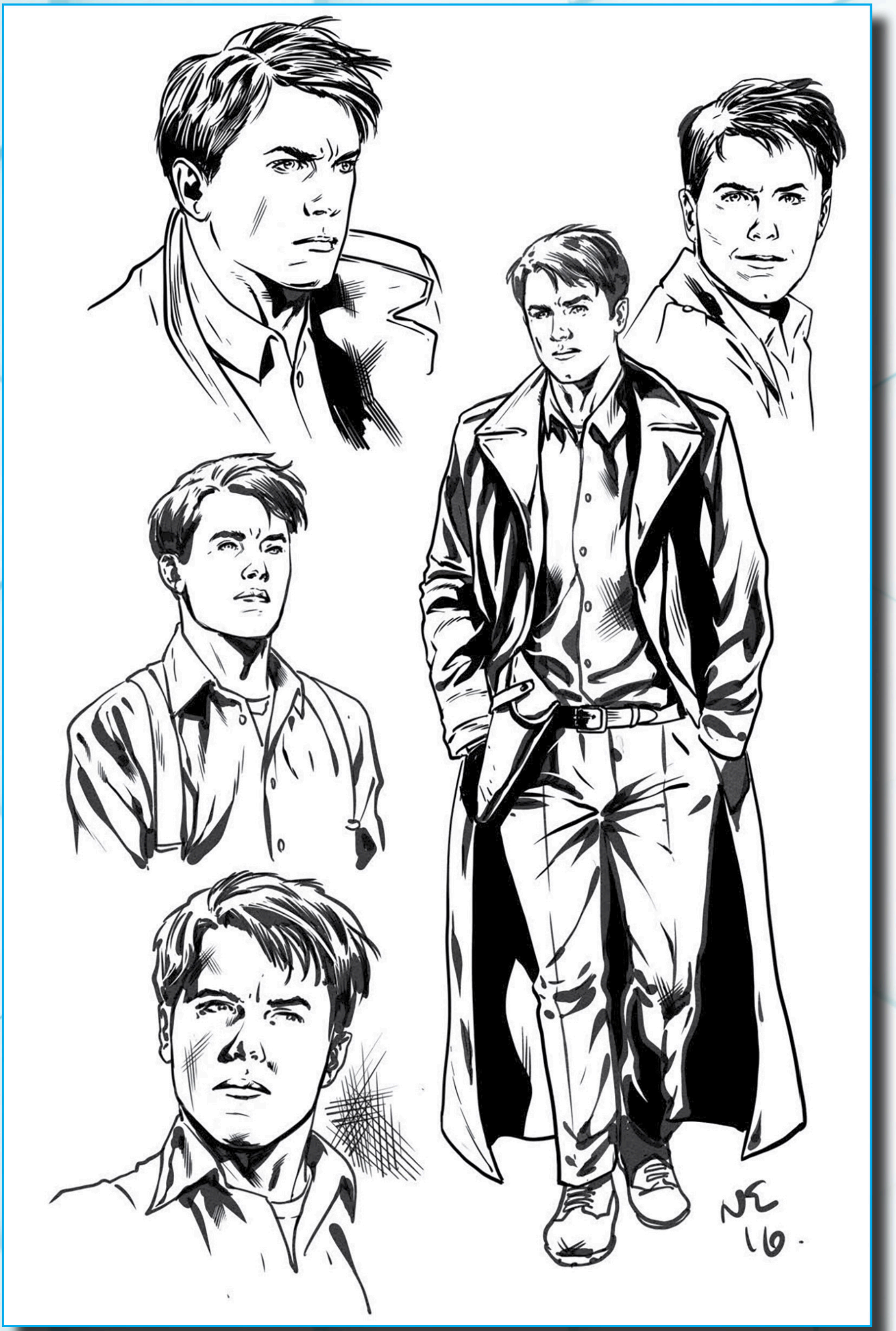

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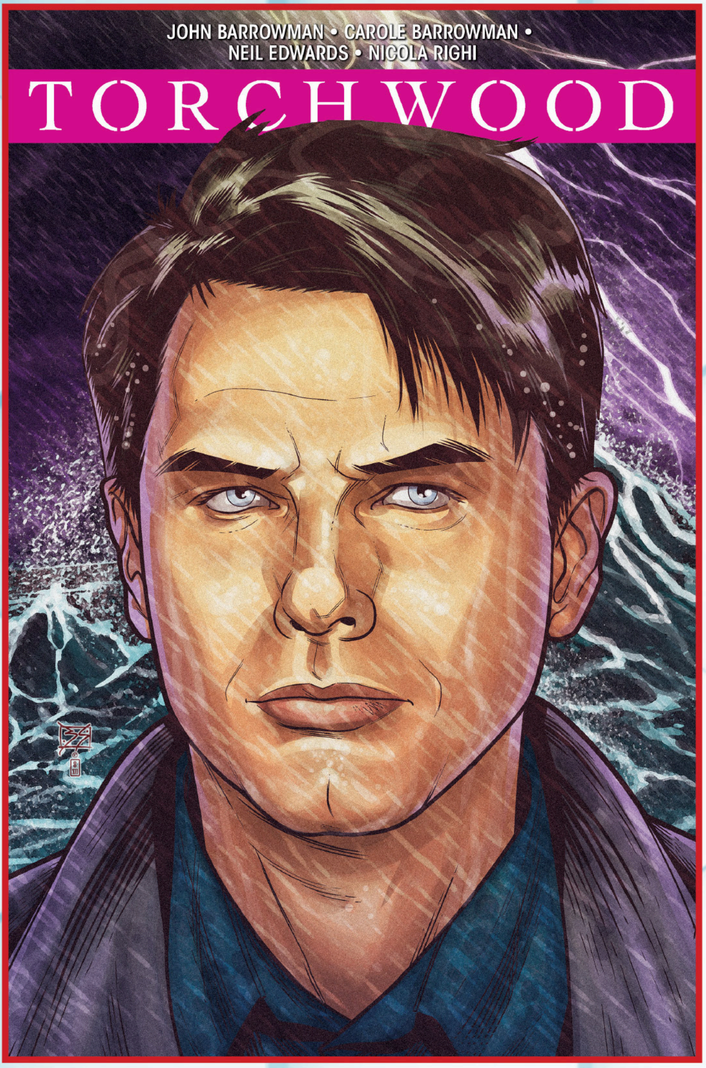
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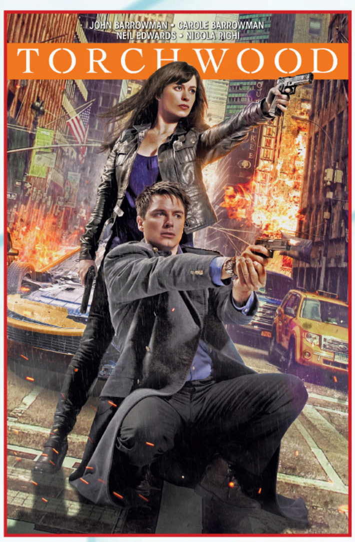
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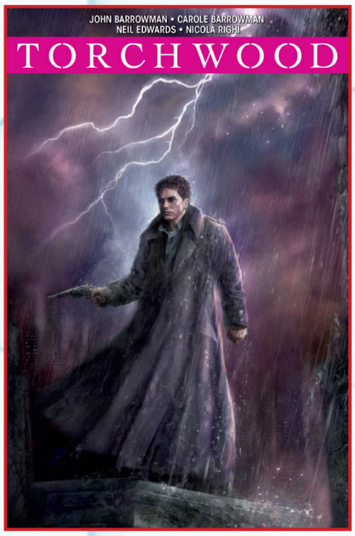
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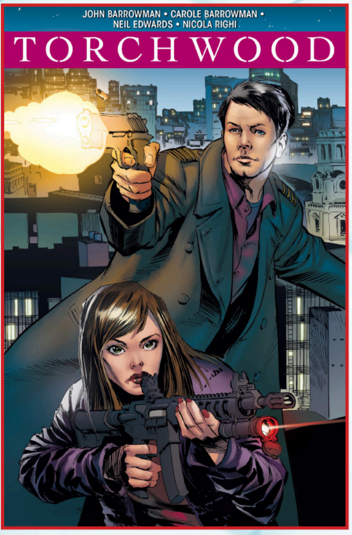
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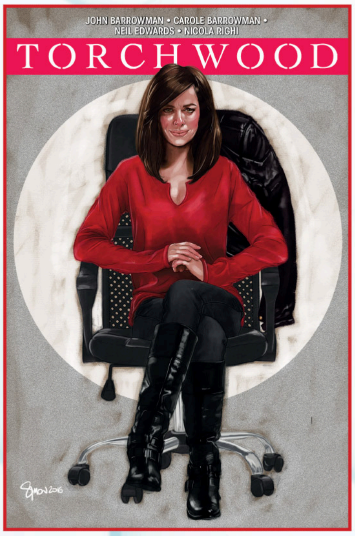
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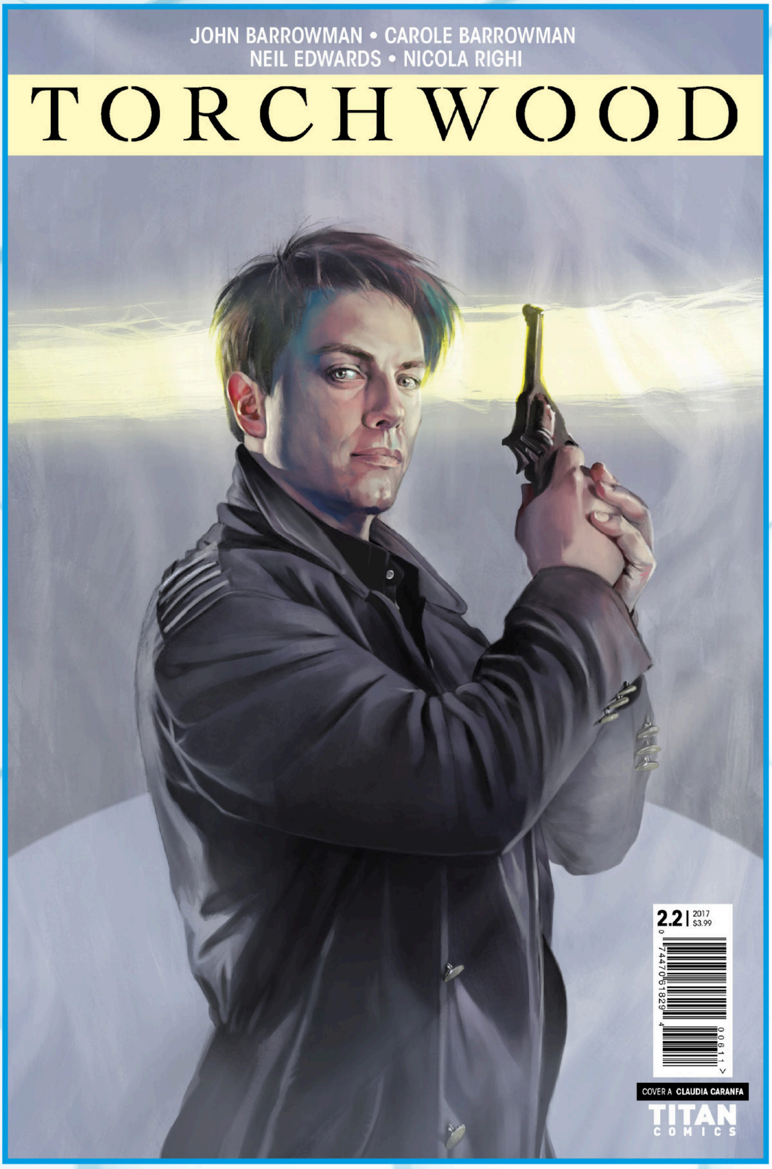
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The Torchwood team have their hands full dealing with the roguish Captain John Hart, and the duplicitous Lady Karina. Meanwhile, the Navigators' plan becomes clearer, and more is revealed about the mysterious Rona, as she comes across the last person she expects to see!

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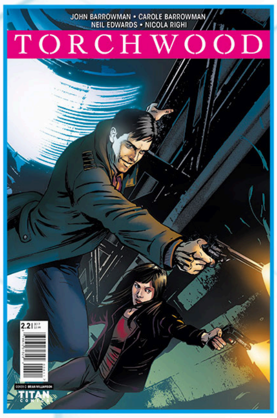
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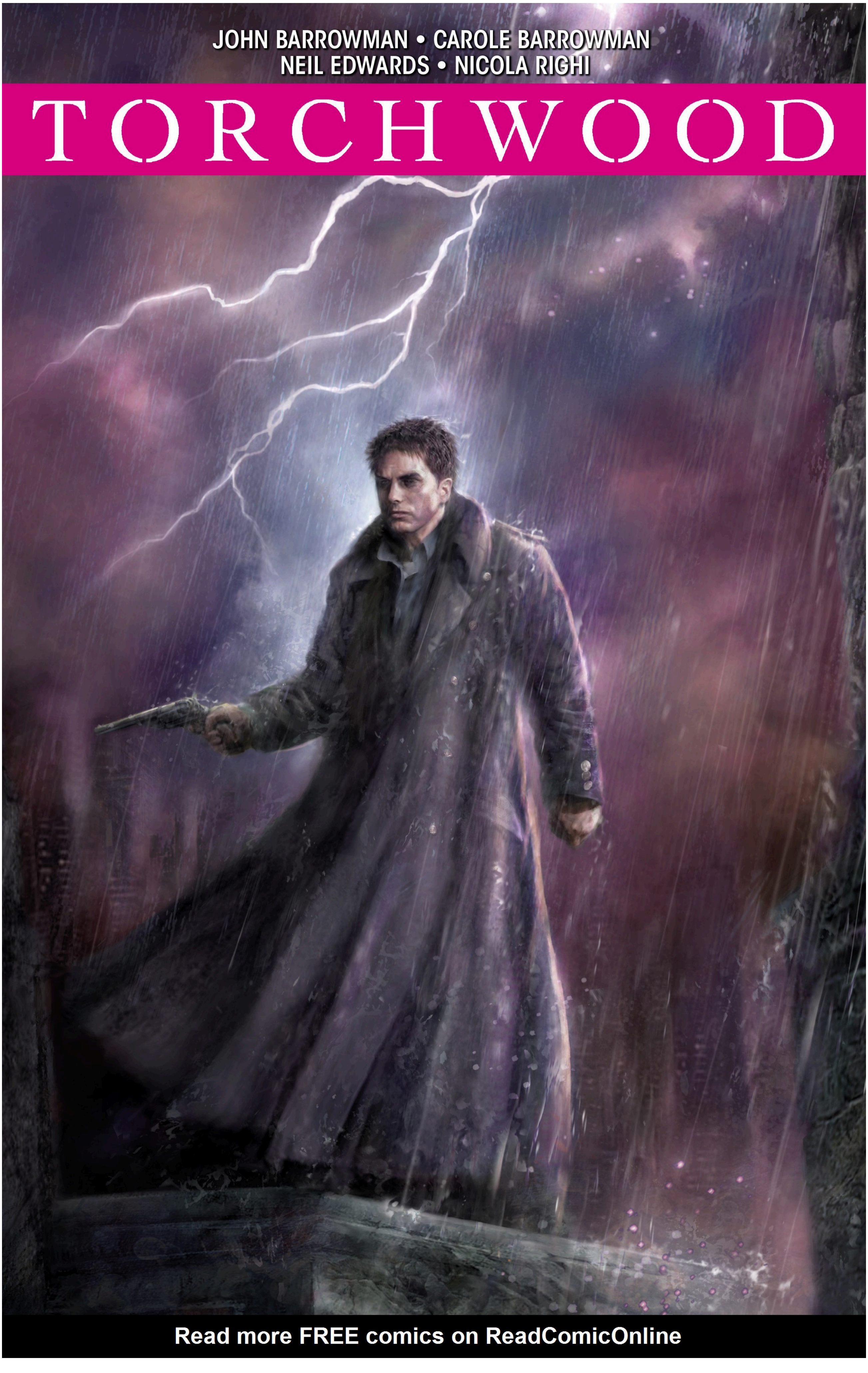
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